trains run late on Samastipur-Narkatiaganj section due to equipment failures, accidents and agitations by public.

(c) Intensive chasing and monitoring to eliminate detentions within the control of railways.

[*English*]

Budge-budge Thermal Power Plant

6401. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed 500 MW Thermal Power Plant at Budge-Budge, West Bengal has not yet been cleared by the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the finance plan and the coal linkage are to be tied up for the proposed 500 MW Thermal Plant at Budge-Budge, West Bengal.

[*Translation*]

Blackmarketing and Adulteration of Petroleum Products in Uttar Pradesh

6402. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:
SHRI RAM BADAN:
SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of blackmarketing of LPG, irregularities and adulteration of petrol and diesel detected in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the action taken in each case; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to prevent such cases in future?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). Information as provided by the oil companies is as follows:-

Year	*No. of complaints*
1988-89	158
1989-90	156
1990-91	269

Appropriate action is taken in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines wherever the complaint are established. The Weight and Measures Deptt. of the State Governments are also taking actions under various Acts.

[*English*]

Accidents in Coal Mines

6403. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents in the Coal mines in the country during each of the last three years and upto July, 1991;

(b) the reasons of these accidents;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent their recurrences; and

(d) the amount of compensation given to the affected persons during these years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Crossings in Churu District

6404. SHRI RAM SINGH KASHWAN:Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been received to increase the number of railway crossings in Churu district for the convenience of rural people;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to construct more railway crossings in that district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) A few representations have been received in respect of Ratangarh area of Churu district.

(b) and (c). The Railway can take action in the matter only after the State Government/Civil authorities sponsor firm proposals for the desired facilities, duly consenting to bear the cost, as per rules. No firm proposals in this regard have been received by the Railway so far.

[*English*]

Alleppey-Kayankulam Rail Line

6405. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN:
SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far on the Alleppey-Kayankulam broad gauge line, year-wise;

(b) the amount required for the completion of the project;

(c) whether the Union Government have received any complaint from the Government of Kerala that progress of work on this line is very slow; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to speed up the work and to complete it within the specified period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The amount spent upto 31.3.1991 is Rs. 37.50 crores, details of which are under:

1982-83: 49.47 lakhs, 1983-84: 0.82 lakhs

1984-85: 12.23 lakhs, 1985-86: 15.92 lakhs

1986-87:551.11 lakhs, 1987-88:243.50 lakhs

1988-89:423.31 lakhs, 1989-90:856.15 lakhs

190-91: 1598.36 lakhs.